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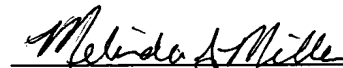
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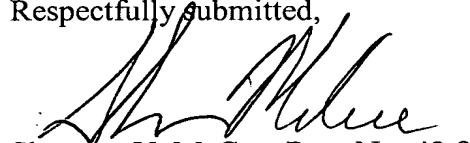
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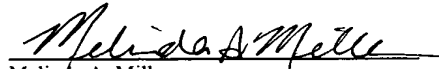
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2004, the Applicant, through his attorney, responds as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.